

FDSS II Final RFP Questions

7. Section I, FAR Clause 52.203-16- The Personal Conflict of Interest Clause is provided in Section I. A personal conflict of interest occurs when a contractor is performing “acquisition function closely associated with governmental functions.” These functions include activities such as planning acquisitions; determining what supplies or services are to be acquired by the Government (including developing statements of work); developing or approving any contractual documents; evaluating contract proposals; awarding Government contracts; administering Government contracts; terminating contracts; or determining whether contract costs are reasonable, allocable and allowable. Please advise what areas of the Statement of Work apply to this clause. If the government determines that there are no areas of the SOW that are classified as acquisition functions closely associated with governmental functions, we recommend the deletion of this clause from the RFP.

Response: The clause applies to SOW section 1.2.2.3 Engineering Support requires “coordinating and procuring hardware or part replacement”. As prescribed by FAR 3.1106 the clause is required and is applicable to the above SOW section.

8. Exhibit 13, RTOs - RTO1, Section III (Subtask Descriptions) states "Separate cost tracking is not required." However, Section VII (Risk Management & Best Practices) states “The contractor shall maintain separate cost accounts for subtasks ...” Please clarify the distinction between these two statements.

Response: At times, individual task orders may be required to track Subtasks costs separately if they have different funding sources. However, for evaluation purposes, this RTO does not require separate tracking. Section VII (Risk Management & Best Practices) will be revised to delete: “The contractor shall maintain separate cost accounts for subtasks and/or subtask work items funded from different Government accounting codes.” See revised RTO.

9. Exhibit 12, Past Performance Questionnaire - Page 1 of Exhibit 12, Past Performance Questionnaire, indicates that the questionnaires are to be returned **TBD**. However, Section L.16(b) states, “The Offeror is responsible for ensuring that the questionnaire is completed and submitted directly to the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Contracting Officer no later than the closing date of this solicitation designated in Block 9 of the SF 33.” We have notified our customers that the due date for submission of their complete questionnaire is March 7, 2014 before 1500 ED. Please verify that this is correct.

Response: That is correct. Past Performance Questionnaires shall be submitted to the Contracting Officer by the closing date of this solicitation designated in Block 9 of the SF 33. See revised Past Performance Questionnaire. FDSS II Past Performance Questionnaires returned marked with the “TBD” are still valid.

10. Please confirm that Exhibit 4 is not required to be submitted in the significant subcontractor cost proposal.

(b) CONTRACT SOURCE OF PERSONNEL

Exhibit 4 shows the offeror's plans to obtain the required personnel at a contract level. The offeror shall show the total number of staff proposed for each position, how many are available from within the company, and how many will be newly hired for the first contract year.

Response: That is correct. Exhibit 4 is not required to be submitted in the significant subcontractor cost proposal.